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Former CIA Officer Arrested In Secret Satellite Manual Sale

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Washington—Arrest of a former Central Intelligence Agency watch officer for selling to the Soviet Union portions of a manual about a new top secret reconnaissance satellite system has raised a number of still unanswered questions about CIA internal security procedures.

William P. Kampiles, 23, of Munster, Ind., a salesman for the Bristol-Myers laboratory in Oak Brook, Ill., was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago during the evening of Aug. 17 on a CIA complaint alleging that he sold documents about the KH-11 satellite system to a Soviet agent in Athens, Greece, in early March.

The complaint and supporting affidavit said the documents were part of the "KH-11 system technical manual." An FBI report said the manual was classified top secret.

The FBI in Washington said Kampiles flew from Chicago to Athens Feb. 19, went to the Soviet embassy there to

discuss the sale Feb. 23, delivered a few pages of the manual Mar. 2 to a Soviet agent who has been identified only as Michael, and was paid \$3,000 by Michael two days later.

The FBI is not saying, however, how many pages of the manual were turned over to the Soviets and how compromising these documents were.

There is also a question of whether the trial process would further compromise the satellite program.

Although the CIA would say only that Kampiles was one of its former employees, the FBI said the 1975 Indiana University graduate, who majored in political science, worked at the Langley headquarters from March to November, 1977, when he resigned voluntarily. His duties included "receiving raw intelligence information obtained by CIA stations around the world and sending those intelligence reports to the appropriate persons within the agency," the bureau said. The FBI also said he had received a top secret security clearance.

The FBI would not reveal how Kampiles could have gotten the manual out of the CIA's headquarters and why the theft was not detected sooner.

The motives for Kampiles' alleged actions also are unclear. According to the complaint, he received only \$3,000 from the Soviets, but airline officials said that the regular fare for a roundtrip from Chicago to Athens would have cost him more than \$1,000, reducing his net gain to less than \$2,000.

Kampiles, who is currently being held in lieu of \$1-million bail, faces a possible jail term of life in prison if convicted of espionage.

Certain elements of Kampiles' personal history also are missing. For example, authorities gave no reason for his departure from the CIA after working for the agency for only eight months.

Kampiles, the son of Greek immigrants, lived with his parents for a while after leaving the CIA, and one source said officials would like to know more about his activities during the period between the time he quit the agency and the time he went to Greece.

Correction

Manufacturer of solid-propellant gas generators that provided pneumatic power for Boeing Aerospace Co.'s MX buried tunnel breakout actuator system is Atlantic Research Co. Manufacturer of the generators was identified incorrectly in an article on test of the breakout system (AW&ST Aug. 21, p. 17).

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Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., has signed an agreement to represent Lockheed Corp. in its dealings with Japanese industry. Mitsubishi will be involved in arranging for the licensed production of the Lockheed P-3C in Japan. Marubeni had represented the corporation in Japan but the arrangement ended after disclosure of questionable payments to obtain overseas sales.

"Double Eagle 2" completed the first balloon transatlantic voyage upon landing in Normandy Aug. 17 after 137 hr. 3 min. in the air over about 3,120 mi. It was designed by P. E. Yost of Universal Systems Co. and crewed by Maxie I. Anderson, Ben L. Abruzzo and Larry Newman, businessmen from Albuquerque, N. M.

Course correction of the Pioneer Venus 2 multiprobe spacecraft Aug. 16 was successful enough that further changes will not be required until a final adjustment on Nov. 9, a month before the vehicle's scheduled encounter with the planet.

Air France will start Anglo-French Concorde service to Mexico City Sept. 20 as an extension of its Paris-Washington flights.

United Airlines has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for authority to serve three cities in the People's Republic of China and other Far East points. The application calls for permissive authority from New York, Chicago, Denver, Seattle-Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Honolulu to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Osaka and the Chinese cities of Peking, Shanghai and Canton.

Northwest Airlines, in the first stage of recovering from a 109-day pilot strike, has made plans to resume service to 24 of its 39 U.S. and Canadian points and five of seven Far East cities. Operations will begin on a staggered basis, depending on pilot requalification completion. The carrier also hopes to inaugurate Scandinavian service next spring.

Leaking nitrogen tetroxide oxidizer from a USAF Strategic Air Command Titan 2 missile silo near the town of Rock, Kan., forced evacuation of at least 150 persons from the area Aug. 24. The Martin Marietta missile was not leaking, but a valve between a bulk storage area and the silo malfunctioned during propellant loading, forcing evacuation of the silo and surrounding area.

Soviet Molniya 1 military communications spacecraft was launched by the USSR Aug. 23 into a 40,788 × 480-km. (25,344 × 298-mi.) orbit.

American Airlines To Train Crews For S-76 Buyers

Stratford, Conn.—Sikorsky Aircraft Div. of United Technologies has selected American Airlines' Flight Training Div. to provide flight and maintenance crew training to purchasers of Sikorsky's new S-76 commercial helicopter.

American will conduct the training programs under a contract estimated, with options, at \$20 million. Sikorsky said the program will be conducted at its West Palm Beach, Fla., complex, where the company plans to open a commercial service center in January, 1979, devoted to final installation and delivery activity on the S-76.

A new 8,000-sq.-ft. training building is expected to be completed at the Palm Beach site in March, with instruction beginning the following month. Both facilities will be adjacent to Sikorsky's Development Flight Test Center.

The instruction to be provided by American includes a five-week ground school for mechanics and a flight training course for helicopter pilots.

Training facilities will include a cockpit procedures trainer and a helicopter flight simulator incorporating a six-axis motion base, which will be built by Reflectone, Inc., Stamford, Conn., Sikorsky said.

Recurrent training will also be available to operators.

The company reports S-76 orders totaling 176, received from 47 operators in 16 countries.